

In re Application of: Joy et al.
Application No.: 09/718,567

Remarks

In the application, claims 10 through 24, 26, and 27 are pending. No claims currently stand allowed.

The Office Action dated April 5, 2004, has been carefully considered. Claims 9, 35 through 37, 56, 59 through 61, and 65 through 67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Claims 1, 2, 7 through 15, 19, 20, 25 through 29, 34 through 37, 42 through 45, 47 through 49, and 62 through 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,018,741 ("Howland"). Claims 38 through 41 and 57 through 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,560,627 ("McDonald"). Claims 50 through 52, 55, and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,970,496 ("Katzenberger"). Claims 3, 16 through 18, 21, 22, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Howland. Claims 4 through 6, 23, 24, 31 through 33, 46, 53, and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Howland and Katzenberger. Claims 66 and 68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over McDonald and Katzenberger. Finally, claim 67 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over McDonald, Katzenberger, and Howland.

The claim cancellations in this Amendment A render the § 112 rejections moot.

The elements of claim 25 are promoted into claim 25's independent antecedent claim 10, and claim 25 is cancelled. Dependent claims 15 through 19 and 21 through 23 are amended to reflect the change in claim 10. Claim 10 thus now contains the element:

Claim 10: a third data field containing data representing a location in source code of a task.

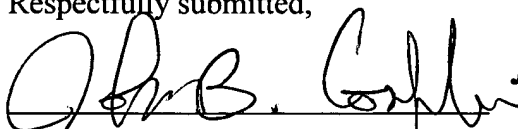
Claim 10, as currently amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the art cited in the Office Action. In particular, Howland never discusses this type of reference to a task's source code, a reference very useful for debugging. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10 and its dependent claims 11 through 24, 26, and 27 are patentable over the cited art.

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Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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